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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF CODEL MORGAN

1. JANUARY 13 TURKISH PRESS GAVE WIDESPREAD BUT LOW-KEY
COVERAGE TO CODEL MORGAN VISIT. THE FOLLOWING ARE
EXAMPLES OF REPORTS IN MAJOR DAILIES:

A. MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET REPORTED THAT CONGRESSMAN
BROOMFIELD TOLD A GROUP OF TURKISH PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT TURKEY
SHOULD "WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM CYPRUS IN THE SHORTEST
POSSIBLE TIME" IN ORDER TO CREATE A FAVORABLE WORLD PUBLIC
OPINION. THE ARTICLE SAID BROOMFIELD STATED THAT SINCE U.S.
PUBLIC OPINION WAS "UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF GREEK PROPAGANDA,"
TURKEY MUST "MAKE A GESTURE WHICH WILL HAVE AN INFLUENCE
ON U.S. PUBLIC OPINION."

B. AN ARTICLE IN LIBERAL MILLIYET SAID THE CONGRESSMEN
TOLD THE TURKISH PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT TURKEY
HAD NOT (RPT NOT) MADE ITS POINT OF VIEW HEARD AROUND THE WORLD.
THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE U.S. CONGRESSMAN SAID TURKEY HAD
MADE "POSITIVE EFFORTS ON CYPRUS.....AND A CONSIDERABLE
REDUCTION OF TROOPS ON THE ISLAND," BUT HAD NOT (RPT NOT) BEEN
SUCCESSFUL IN "HAVING THE WORLD EAR ABOUT IT."

C. LEFTIST CUMHURİYET REPORTED THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL
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GROUP HAD COME TO DISCUSS CYPRUS AND OPIUM POPPIES, BUT THAT

THE POPPY ISSUE WAS NOT TALKED ABOUT DURING THE SESSION AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT TALKED TO THE PRESS AFTER HIS MEETING WITH CODEL AND HIS REMARKS WERE WIDELY REPORTED. ECEVIT SAID THAT HE HAD PRESENTED HIS VIEWS ON CYPRUS, TURKISH-AMERICAN AND TURKISH-NATO RELATIONS AND THAT HE HAD "FOUND THE CONGRESSMEN VERY UNDERSTANDING ABOUT TURKEY'S DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS." HE CHARACTERIZED THE DISCUSSION AS "FRANK AND USEFUL," AND NOTED THAT THE CONGRESSMEN HAD EXPLAINED "IN ALL CLARITY" THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS THEY FACE IN THE US.
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